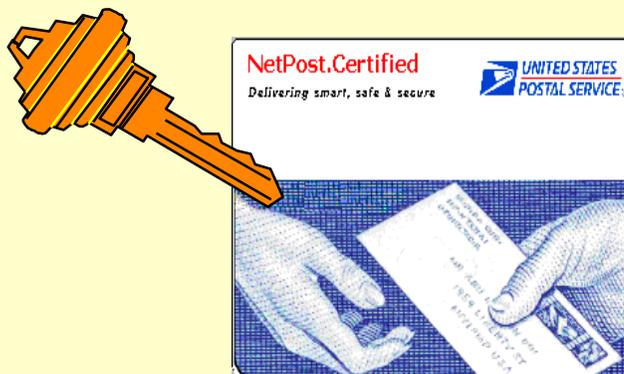


# Cryptographic Module Validation Program (CMVP) 2002 Conference



**Kim Mitchel**

**Deputy Associate Commissioner**

**Office of Telecommunications and Systems Operations**

**March 27, 2002**



“As new discoveries are made, new truths discovered, and manners and opinions change, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times.”

Thomas Jefferson



***UBIQUITOUS***

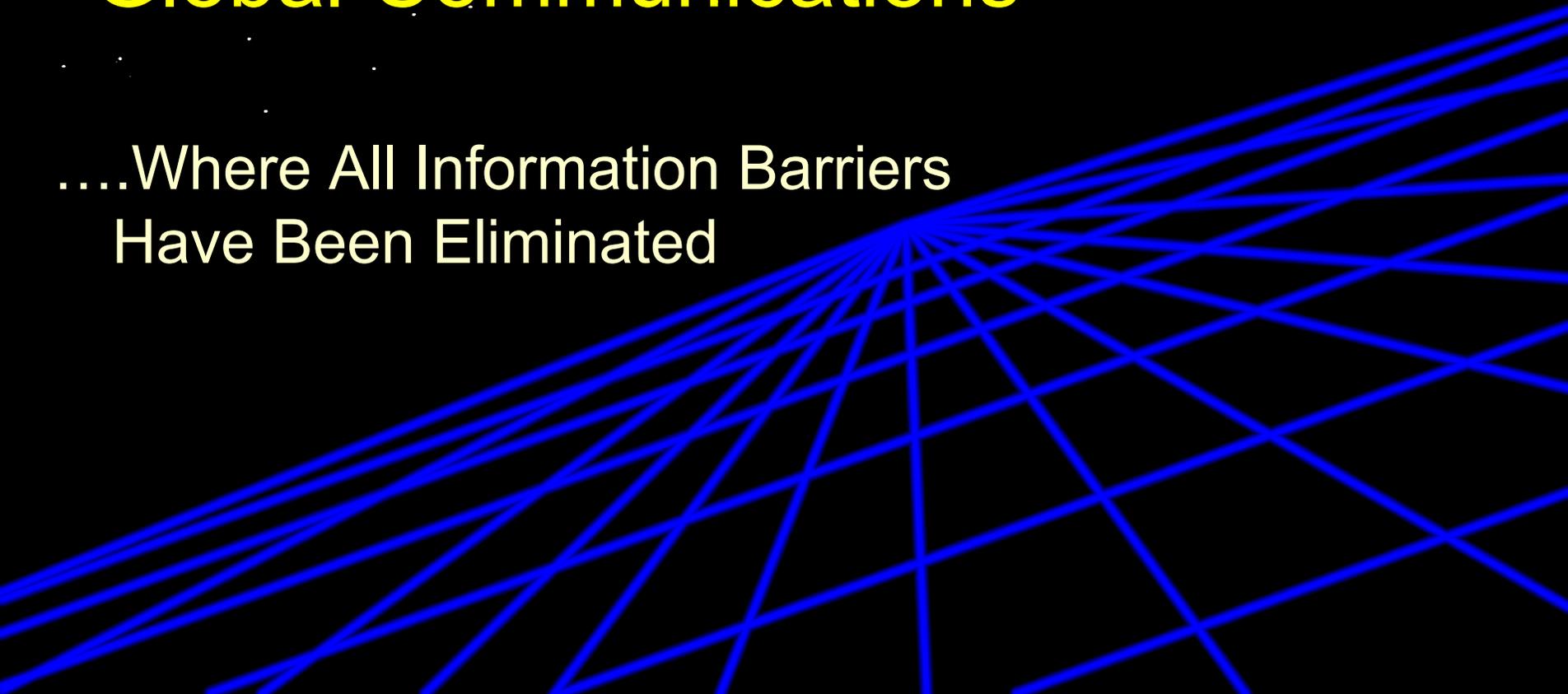




# ***OUR VISION***

## **Global Communications**

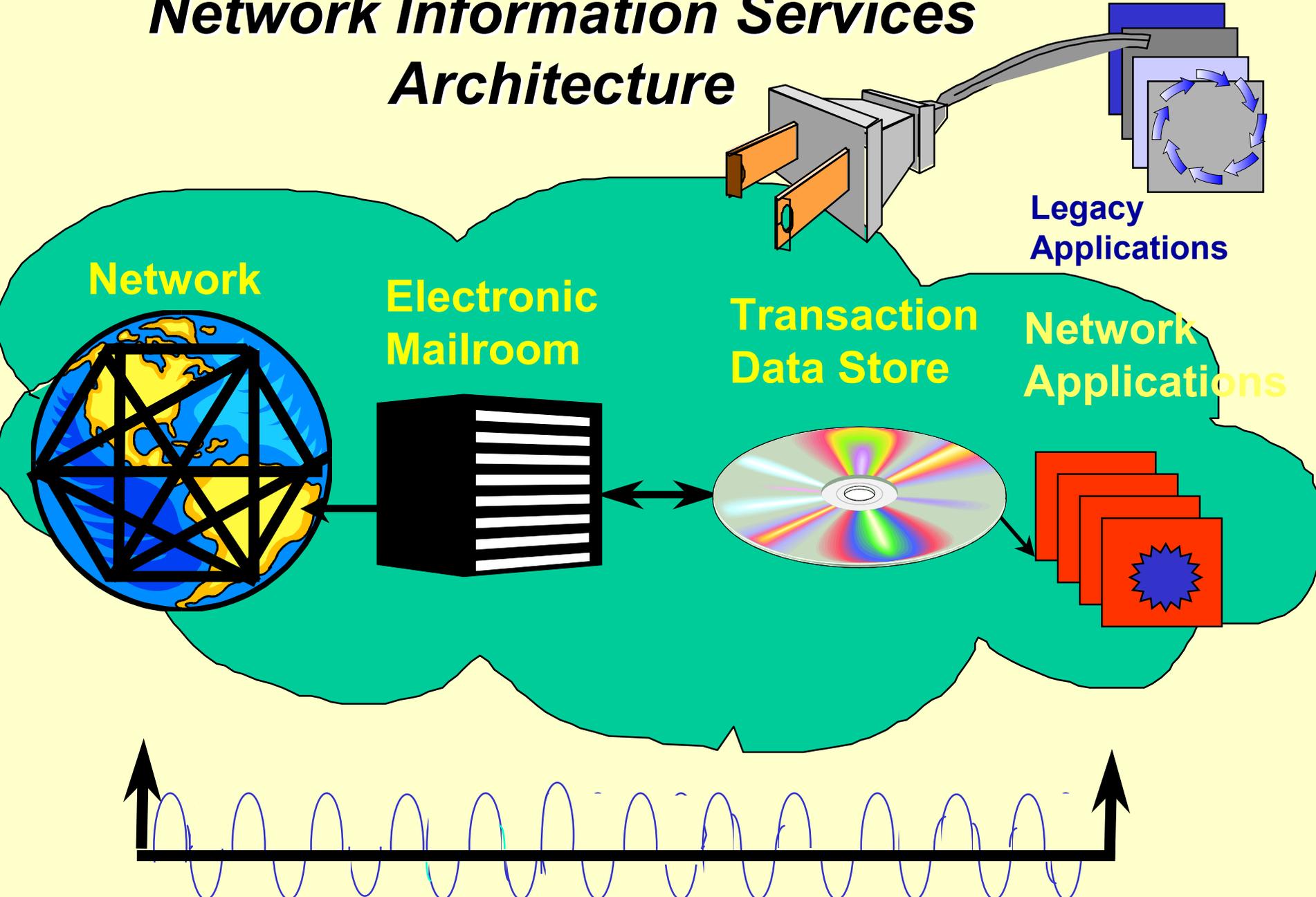
....Where All Information Barriers  
Have Been Eliminated



# Equalitarian

When implemented costs are low enough for anyone to use it.....

# Network Information Services Architecture



# **Challenges E-GOV Applications Face**

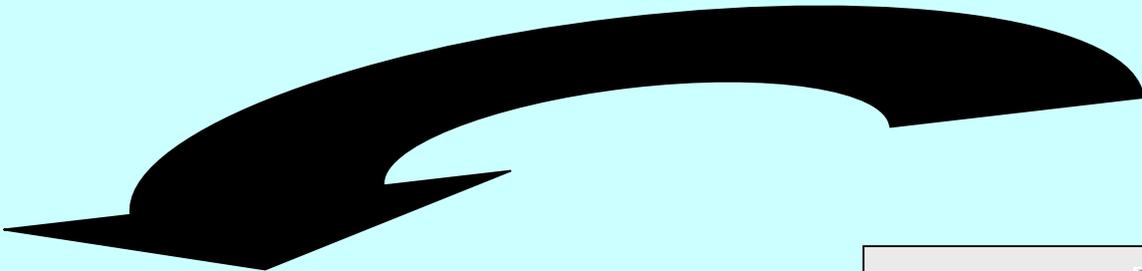
- **Authentication of Users**
- **Non-repudiation for transactions**
- **Confidentiality (privacy)**
- **Liability**
- **Scalability/extensibility**
- **Timestamp**



**The further backward  
you look, the further  
forward you can see.**

**Sir Winston Churchill**

# Back to the Future



**1936**

**USPS issues  
26 million SSNs**



**200?**

**USPS issues millions of  
PKI Smartcards for E-Gov**

# **The NetPost Solution**

**Major Components / Current Status**

# **NetPost.Certified Compares to Mail System**

**Business Application Independent**

**File Type Independent**

**File Size Independent**

**Transport Independent**

# ***USPS NetPost.Certified***

***Established Process with Recognized 3<sup>rd</sup> Party, Law, and Enforcement***

**Hypership<sup>®</sup> Trusted Information Exchange<sup>™</sup> Architecture**

In  
Person  
Proofing

Digital  
Certificates

Smart  
Cards

FIPS 140-1  
Encryption

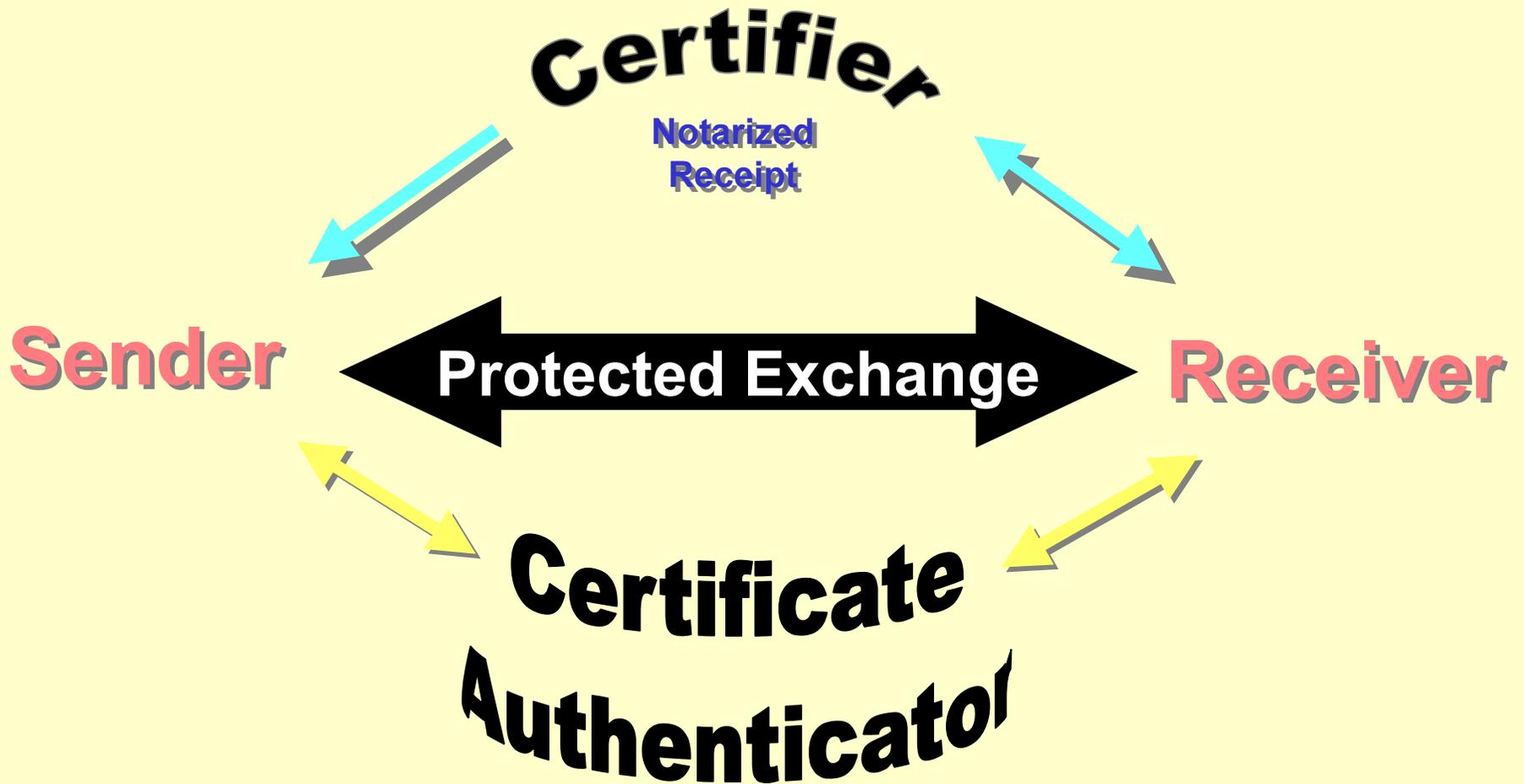
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P2P  
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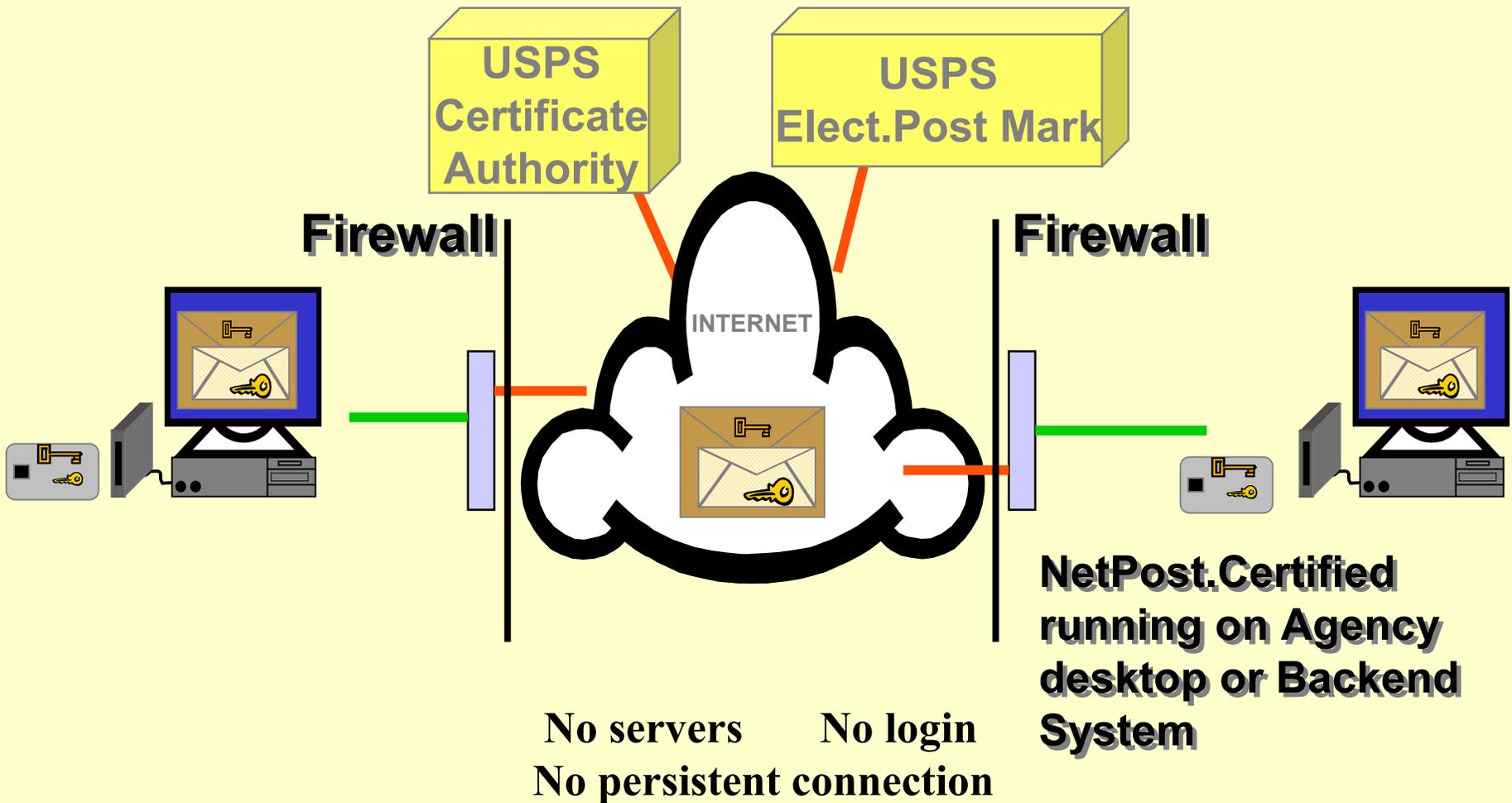
Agency  
Applications



# Peer-to-Peer Trusted Information Exchange



# How NetPost.Certified Works



# *NetPost.Certified*™ Provides

- **In-Person Authentication of Sender**
- **Data Integrity**
- **Confidentiality**
- **Secure Transport**
- **Postal Date/Time Stamp**
- **Legal Status Protection**

# Electronic Postmark

## Notary - **USPS Certified Electronic Post Mark**

A NetPost.Certified powered network enables an automated, third party notary that notarizes the delivery of every package.



# Pilot Capabilities- Operational

- Encryption/Decryption
- Digital Signatures
- Secure Transport
- Automatic File Transfer and Routing  
(via Data Linked Directories)
- GUI to Select File and Recipient
- Electronic PostMark Receipts

# NetPost.Certified Components

- **USPS Electronic Post Mark (EPM)**
- **Patented (U.S. No. 6,219,669) Hypership<sup>®</sup> TIE**  
**Architecture using Industry Standard TCP/IP**
- **Industry Leader RSA BSAFE<sup>®</sup> -- Cert C and Cert J**
- **Industry Standard PKCS-11 Smart Card Interface**
- **Industry Standard Certificate Authority Interface**
  - **USPS RA & CA ⇔ in-person proofing**
  - **X.509 Certificates**
  - **Sign & encryption keys**
  - **LDAP Directory (CA & CRL)**
  - **Netscape, Microsoft**
  - **Cylink NetAuthority(used by USPS)**

# **NetPost.Certified: FIPS 140-1**

**FIPS-approved algorithms: Triple-DES (Cert. #38);  
DSA/SHA-1 (Cert. #38)**

**Key Management: RSA BSAFE Cert C / Crypto C**

**Certificate Authority: Cylink NetAuthority (X.509  
Certs)**

**Cryptographic Standards: PKCS-7; PKCS-11; PKCS-12**

# META TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURE

Security

Configuration  
Mgmt

Robustness  
24 x 7

Registration

CA

Smart Cards &  
Readers

EPM

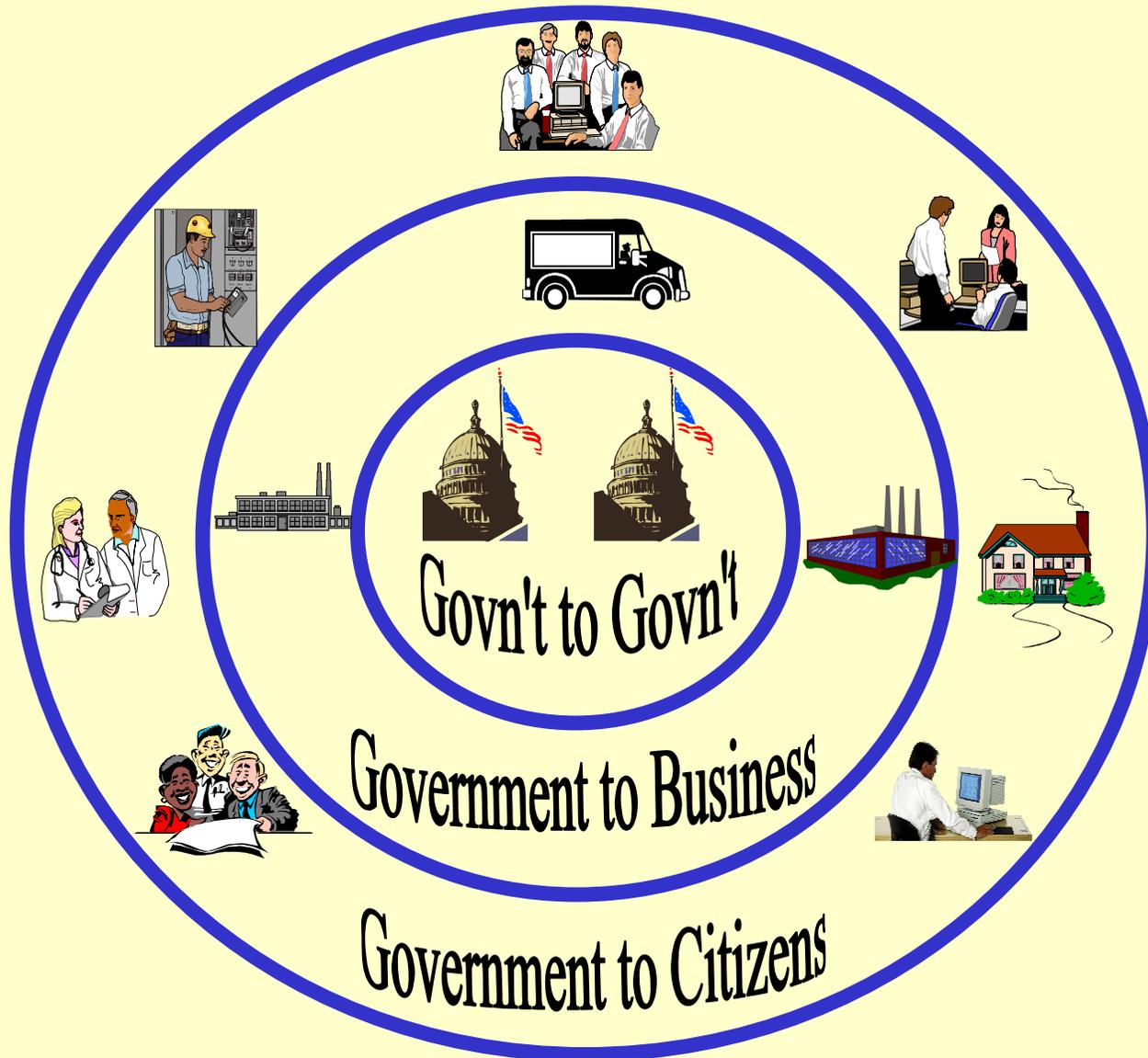
Transports



# Why Partner with USPS?

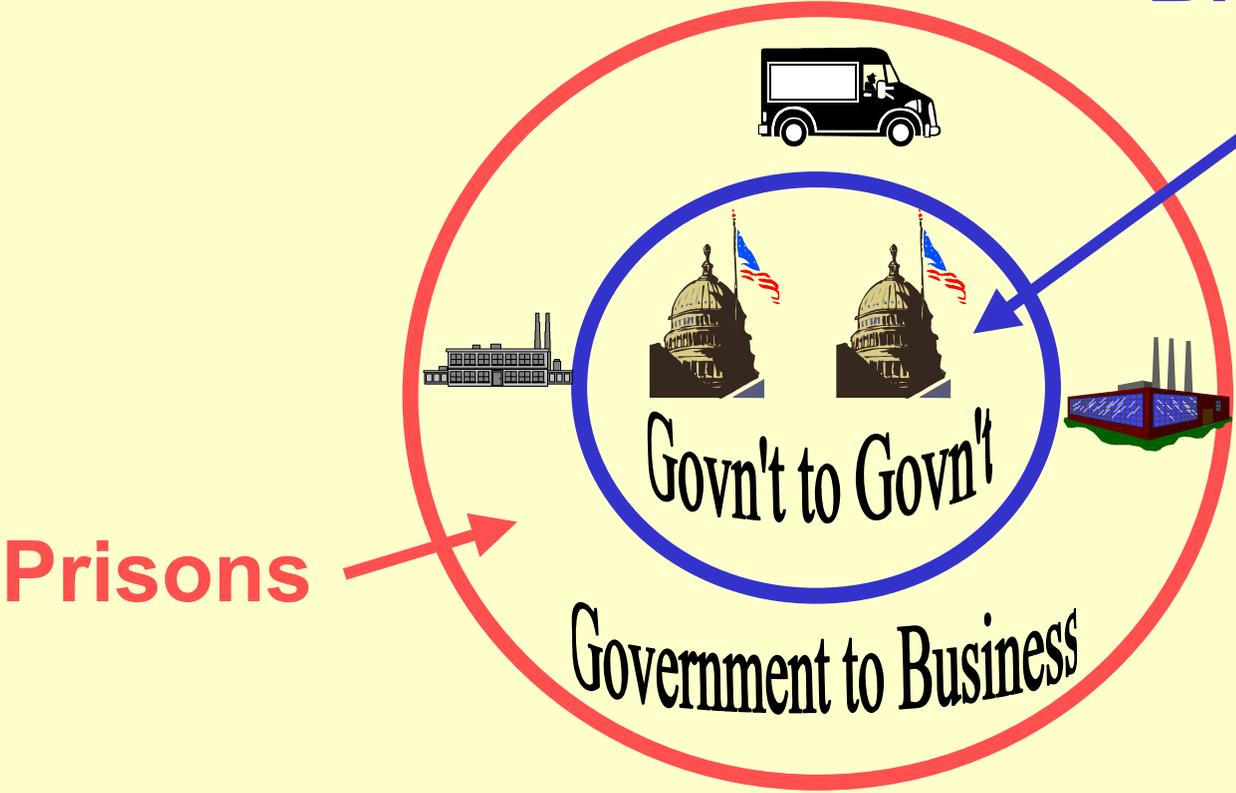
- **Innovative Technology**
- **Integrated Solution**
- **Scalability**
  - **Logistics**
  - **Economics**
- **Legal Foundation**
- **Trusted Provider**

# The Strategic Implementation Plan



# The Tactical Implementation Plan

Birth & Death



Prisons

Government to Business